

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

I. Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A mounting frame unit attached to a tractor body for enabling working implements ~~such as~~ including a front loader and a backhoe to be attached to the tractor body, comprising:

a pair of right and left main frames extending longitudinally of said tractor body;

connecting frames for connecting said main frames as spaced from each other;

a lower mounting unit disposed in a rearward section of each of said main frames and connected to a rear axle case forming part of said tractor body;

a bridge member for bridging upper positions of an upwardly opening cutout formed in said rearward section; and

an upper mounting unit disposed on said bridge member and connected to said rear axle case;

wherein said upper mounting unit defines an inclined contact surface for contacting an upper inclined contact surface formed on said rear axle case, and said lower mounting unit defines an inclined contact surface for contacting a lower inclined contact surface formed on said rear axle case.

2. (canceled)

3. (original) A mounting frame unit as defined in claim 1, wherein each of said main frames is formed of a plate, and disposed to have a plate width extending vertically, each of said main frames having a vertical width progressively enlarging from front to rear.

4. (currently amended) A mounting frame unit as defined in claim 1, further comprising a loader mounting unit disposed in a forward position thereof for detachably attaching side frames of a braceless type front loader, and a backhoe mounting unit disposed in a rearward position for detachably attaching the backhoe, said loader mounting unit supporting front posts of a four-post ~~type~~ ROPS.

5. (currently amended) A mounting frame unit attached to a tractor body for enabling working implements ~~such as~~ including a front loader and a backhoe to be attached to the tractor body, comprising:

a pair of right and left main frames extending longitudinally of said tractor body;

connecting frames for connecting said main frames as spaced from each other;

a loader mounting unit disposed in a forward position of said mounting frame unit for detachably attaching side frames of a braceless type front loader; and

a backhoe mounting unit disposed in a rearward position of said mounting frame unit for detachably attaching the backhoe;

wherein each of said main frames is formed of a plate, and disposed to have a plate width extending vertically, each of said main frames having a vertical width progressively enlarging from front to rear.

6. (currently amended) A mounting frame unit as defined in claim 5, wherein said loader mounting unit supports front posts of a four-post ~~type~~ ROPS.

7. (new) A mounting frame unit attached to a tractor body for enabling working implements including a front loader and a backhoe to be attached to the tractor body, comprising:

a pair of right and left main frames extending longitudinally of said tractor body;

connecting frames for connecting said main frames as spaced from each other;

a lower mounting unit disposed in a rearward section of each of said main frames and connected to a rear axle case forming part of said tractor body;

a bridge member for bridging upper positions of an upwardly opening cutout formed in said rearward section; and

an upper mounting unit disposed on said bridge member and connected to said rear axle case;

wherein each of said main frames is formed of a plate, and disposed to have a plate width extending vertically, each of said main frames having a vertical width progressively enlarging from front to rear.

8. (new) A mounting frame unit as defined in claim 7, further comprising a loader mounting unit disposed in a forward position thereof for detachably attaching side frames of a braceless type front loader, and a backhoe mounting unit disposed in a rearward position for detachably attaching the backhoe, said loader mounting unit supporting front posts of a four-post ROPS.

9. (new) A mounting frame unit attached to a tractor body for enabling working implements including a front loader and a backhoe to be attached to the tractor body, comprising:

a pair of right and left main frames extending longitudinally of said tractor body;

connecting frames for connecting said main frames as spaced from each other;

a lower mounting unit disposed in a rearward section of each of said main frames and connected to a rear axle case forming part of said tractor body;

a bridge member for bridging forward-upper and rear-upper positions of an upwardly opening cutout formed in said rearward section, said bridge member defining first and second frame connecting portions at forward and rearward positions thereof, respectively; and

an upper mounting unit formed integral with said bridge member and connected to said rear axle case, wherein each said upper mounting unit is connected to each said main frames by means of said first and second frame connecting portions.

10. (new) A mounting frame unit as defined in claim 9, wherein said upper mounting unit defines an inclined contact surface for contacting an upper inclined contact surface formed on said rear axle case, and said lower mounting unit defines an inclined contact surface for contacting a lower inclined contact surface formed on said rear axle case.

11. (new) A mounting frame unit as defined in claim 9, wherein each of said main frames is formed of a plate, and disposed to have a plate width extending vertically, each of said main frames having a vertical width progressively enlarging from front to rear.

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12. (new) A mounting frame unit as defined in claim 9, further comprising a loader mounting unit disposed in a forward position thereof for detachably attaching side frames of a braceless type front loader, and a backhoe mounting unit disposed in a rearward position for detachably attaching the backhoe, said loader mounting unit supporting front posts of a four-post ROPS.